

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An e-commerce system for enabling the purchase of a package, wherein the package includes a predefined collection of objects of products and/or services, comprising:

(a) a catalog database comprising a catalog entry table including package data correlated to at least one unresolved package, wherein the at least one unresolved package includes one or more products with at least one unresolved attribute~~package data correlated to at least one package;~~

(b) a selection module coupled to the catalog database for allowing a customer to select an unresolved ~~a~~ package for purchase; and

(c) a resolution module coupled to the catalog database for resolving the at least one unresolved attribute of the one or more products in the selected unresolved package by accessing the package data correlated to the selected unresolved package~~unresolved attributes in the selected package.~~

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the catalog database further comprises:

(d) item data correlated to a plurality of items, wherein each item is fully resolved;

(e) a product attribute table that defines for each product at least one attribute type associated with the product; and

(f) a product attribute value table that defines at least one value for each attribute type. product data correlated to at least one product, wherein said at least one product comprises at least one unresolved attribute type; and

(f) attribute data.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the catalog database further comprises image data correlated to the at least one package.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a connection to a global communications network.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the global communications network comprises the Internet.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein a catalog subsystem includes the catalog database, the selection module and the resolution module.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, further comprising an ordering module coupled to the catalog subsystem.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, further comprising a payment module coupled to the ordering module.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a delivery subsystem coupled to the payment module.

10. (Currently amended) An e-commerce method for enabling the purchase of a package, wherein the package includes a predefined collection of objects, ~~of products and/or services,~~ comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a catalog database comprising a catalog entry table including package data correlated to at least one unresolved package, wherein ~~the at least one unresolved package~~ includes one or more products with at least one unresolved attributesaid at least one package comprises at least one unresolved attribute;

(b) allowing providing means for enabling a customer to determine a select selected an unresolved package for purchase from the catalog database; and

(c) resolving the said at least one unresolved attribute of the one or more products in the selected unresolved package by accessing the package data correlated to the selected unresolved package.

11. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the catalog database further comprises a product attribute table and a product attribute value table, data correlated to at least one product, wherein said at least one the product attribute table defines for each product includes at least one unresolved attribute type associated with the product, and the product attribute value table defines at least one value for each attribute type. wherein said at least one package includes at least one component product.

12. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein resolving step (c) comprises utilizing the catalog entry table to determine automatically the one or more products in the selected unresolved package. ~~determining all component products included in the selected package.~~

13. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein resolving step (c) further comprises, for each of the one or more products in the selected unresolved package, utilizing the product attribute table to determine automatically the at least one unresolved attribute type ~~determining all attributes included in each component product.~~

14. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 13, wherein resolving step (c) further comprises ~~determining a selected~~ allowing the customer to select an attribute value from the product attribute value table for said the at least one unresolved attribute type thereby resolving the selected package.

15. (Currently amended) A program product stored on a computer readable medium, the program product for enabling the purchase of a package, wherein the package includes a predefined collection of objects of products and/or services, comprising:


a catalog database comprising a catalog entry table including package data correlated to at least one unresolved package, wherein the unresolved package includes one or more products with at least one unresolved attribute ~~package data correlated to at least one package;~~

a selection module coupled to the catalog database for allowing a customer to select ~~a~~ an unresolved package for purchase; and

a resolution module coupled to the catalog database for resolving the at least one unresolved attribute of the one or more products in the selected unresolved package by accessing the package data correlated to the selected unresolved package~~unresolved attributes in the selected package.~~

16. (Currently amended) The program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog database further comprises:

item data correlated to a plurality of items, wherein each item is fully resolved;

 a product attribute table that defines for each product at least one attribute type associated with the product~~product data correlated to at least one product, wherein said at least one product comprises at least one unresolved attribute type; and~~

a product attribute value table that defines at least one value for each attribute type~~attribute data.~~

17. (Currently amended) A computer-readable signal-bearing medium containing programming instructions for enabling purchase of a package, wherein the package includes a predefined collection of objects~~, of products and/or services, comprising the instructions of:~~

(a) providing a catalog database comprising a catalog entry table including package data correlated to at least one unresolved package, wherein the unresolved package includes one or more products with at least one unresolved attribute;

(b) allowing a customer to select an unresolved package for purchase; and

(c) resolving the at least one unresolved attribute of the one or more products in the selected unresolved package by accessing the package data correlated to the selected unresolved

~~package(a) — providing a catalog database comprising package data correlated to at least one package, wherein said at least one package comprises at least one unresolved attribute;~~
~~— (b) — providing means for enabling a customer to determine a selected package from the catalog database; and~~
~~— (c) — resolving said at least one unresolved attribute.~~

18. (Currently amended) The computer-readable signal-baring medium in claim 17, wherein the catalog database further comprises a product attribute table and a product attribute value table, wherein the product attribute table defines for each product at least one attribute type associated with the product, and the product attribute value table defines at least one value for each attribute type. ~~product data correlated to at least one product, wherein said at least one product includes at least one unresolved attribute and wherein said at least one package includes at least one component product.~~

19. (Currently amended) The computer-readable signal-baring medium in claim 18, wherein resolving instruction (c) comprises utilizing the catalog entry table to determine automatically the one or more products in the selected unresolved package. ~~instruction (c) comprises determining all component products included in the selected package.~~

20. (Currently amended) The computer-readable signal-baring medium in claim 19, wherein resolving instruction (c) further comprises, for each of the one or more products in the selected unresolved package, utilizing the product attribute table to determine automatically the at least one unresolved attribute type. ~~determining all attributes included in each component product.~~

21. (Currently amended) The computer-readable signal-baring medium in claim 17, wherein resolving instruction (c) further comprises allowing the customer to select an attribute value from the product attribute value table for the at least one unresolved attribute type thereby resolving the selected packaged~~determining a selected attribute value for said at least one unresolved attribute.~~

22. (Original) The computer-readable signal-baring medium of claim 17 wherein said medium is a recordable data storage medium.

23. (Original) The computer-readable signal-baring medium of claim 17 wherein said medium is a modulated carrier signal.

24. (Original) The computer-readable signal-baring medium of claim 23 wherein said signal is a transmission over a network.

25. (Original) The computer-readable signal-baring medium of claim 24 wherein said network is the Internet.